

MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, March 18, 2009. All board members present.

Also present: Ed Graham, Nick Narducci, Robbie Day and Lou Haussmann of Baxter Woodman

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Floyd Garrett, 801 Wyndstone – showed cones that are on the short needle evergreen trees. Made a few calls regarding to find out what they are.

Scott Haywood – will make some calls and find out any information on the cones.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of Workshop on February 11, 2009 and the Regular Meeting on February 28, 2009 were presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve minutes of Workshop of February 11, 2009 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2009 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

The bills for the previous month were presented.

Trustee Matichak asked about T-Mobile, if they put up a tower what will the Village receive free service.

No free phones.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve bills as presented.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called:

Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes,

Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF GFOA BUDGET AWARD

Nick Narducci – showed the awards that the Village has received, they are from GFOA. Explained the GFOA, a distinguished award for budget, we have received the award the last two years. Budget reviewed by members of the GFOA outside the state. Elwood is one of the smallest units that have received this award. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting, we have received this for the last four years. We have a bond rating of BBB+, highest category of B rating. Elwood is well managed. Robbie does a lot of work, Aimee and Department Heads are also doing a lot of the work.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION OF MAILBOXES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Ed Graham – ordinance has been re-drafted to include crushed stone as to concrete. Use of crushed stone or concrete is left up to the homeowner. Ordinance was drafted off the post office regulations.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve Ordinance Regulating the Installation of Mailboxes and Other Structures Located in the Public Rights-of-Way within the Village of Elwood. Motion seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.
Ordinance 941

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO BACKFLOW OR CONTAMINANTS THROUGH THE CUSTOMER WATER SERVICE CONNECTION INTO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 521 IN ITS ENTIRETY, FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Ed Graham – in the previous ordinance no fee was included, has been a recommendation of \$100.00 fee.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve Ordinance to Provide Effective Means for Protecting the Public Water Supply System from Contamination Due to Backflow or Contaminants through the Customer Water Service Connection into the Public Water System and Repealing Ordinance 521 in its Entirety. Motion seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.
Ordinance 942

LETTER OF CREDIT REDUCTION – Elwood Town Center Units 2 and 3

Lou Haussmann of Baxter Woodman explained the Letter of Credit Reduction. Lincoln Way offering to put up a \$5,000.00 Letter of Credit to complete the work once the existing Letter of Credit is reduced to zero. Baxter Woodman recommendation to retain some of the Letter of Credit money for landscaping and do not go to zero out.

Recommended new Letter of Credit \$51,008.60 for contingency and landscaping, recommend the amount of this reduction \$59,535.00 with \$5,000.00 Letter of Credit additional for electrical.

Motion by Trustee Matichak to reduce Letter of Credit to _____
Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

CENTERPOINT PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Trustee LaPaglia – the Park Committee recommended Plan A, will fulfill our needs. This plan will also go with the Oslad Grant.

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve Plan A for the CenterPoint Park Development Plan. Motion seconded by Trustee Matichak. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

PAY REQUEST – MISSISSIPPI C – D CONSTRUCTION

Pay request for D Construction for Mississippi C in the amount of \$57,828.69.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve the pay request for D Construction in the amount of \$57,828.89. Motion seconded by Trustee Wagner. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

PAY REQUEST – JACKSON TOWNSHIP/WOOD STREET SIDEWALK

Acting President Strawn – explained an agreement between Jackson Township and the Village. The sidewalk is by Jackson Township Hall. The Village's share is \$1,813.60.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve the split of the cost of sidewalk with Jackson Township. Motion seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

BUSH DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

Lou Hausmann from Baxter Woodman explained the documents, Engineer Service Agreement and a MFT Resolution for the re-surfacing and storm water for three streets, Bush Drive, Linebarger Court and Beattie Drive. Will be an asphalt overlay and improved drainage. MFT Funds to be used for construction. Resolution will allow funds to be drawn down for engineering.

Village President Strawn – want to get this project done. Specify in the contract when they will start and when the project will end, I want to get this done.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve the Resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. Motion seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Motion seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Bid packages will send out bid packages.

CHILDRENS GARDEN WEDDING CONTRACT

Ed Graham – refers to overall uses of park. Changes suggested are for the protection of the Village.

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve the Wedding Ceremony Reservation Contract for the Childrens Garden with the recommended changes. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

HIRING OF PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Suggestion was made to table until Workshop in April.

Chief Albert – this is not additional hiring, just replacing officers.

BOARD REPORTS

Park and Recreation Committee – Trustee LaPaglia

The plan for CenterPoint Park is a long range plan. An Oslad Grant is being applied for in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Reported that Public Works has set up the exercise equipment, painted the floor and have installed a rubber floor. Thanked them for all the work they have done.

Looking into having CPR, self defense class and summer programs are being planned.

Finance Committee – Trustee Kucera

Nothing to report

Public Works – Trustee Jones

Nothing to report

Community Events – Trustee Bernhard

Working on garage sales

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Village Administrator – Aimee Ingalls

Report in book

Finance – Nick Narducci

Report in book

Police – Chief Albert

Received the first check in the amount of \$41,000.00 from Home Land Security, have submitted for the rest of the grant.

Public Works Supervisor – Scott Haywood

EMC has been looking for infiltration, found some discrepancies. Lines were cleaned out and found mud, gravel and large pieces of sewer main pipe. Televised the line and found the crack in the sewer main. Com Ed was notified and they came out. Claim form are being submitted, will get paid as quickly as possible. Will be a very lengthy and expensive project, will have to shut down Mississippi and tear up the street. Will have an engineer on site and the road will be put back the way it should be.

Discussed with Com Ed the street light on Mississippi, will pull poles on southeast corner and then we will be able to finish sidewalk. Com Ed will be burying the lines.

EMC - Corey Byington

Not in a situation environmentally, water came from ground water. New person was hired in January. Some flooding occurred on March 11th.

Trustee Matichak thanked Scott and Brandon for saving her property from the neighbor's water problem. They came out right away.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Litigation and Approval of Executive Session Minutes

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation and Approval of Executive Session Minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee

LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to go back in Open Session. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON ISSUES RAISED THROUGH EXECUTIVE SESSION

Minutes of June 18, 2008

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve minutes of June 18, 2008 as presented, retain content, no disclosure. Motion seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Acting President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

Minutes of August 27, 2008

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve minutes of August 27, 2008 without amendment and to release the minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Acting Village President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

Minutes of September 17, 2008

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve minutes of September 17, 2008 and release the minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Acting Village President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

Minutes of October 15, 2008

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve minutes of October 15, 2008, retain and no disclosure. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Minutes of November 19, 2008

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve minutes of November 19, 2008, retain litigation, and release non litigation. Motion seconded by Trustee Wagner. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Minutes of December 17, 2008

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve minutes of December 17, 2008, retain and no disclosure. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Minutes of January 21, 2009

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve minutes of January 21, 2009, retain and no disclosure. Motion seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Pat Buchenau, Village Clerk

